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C O R R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR FROM LINE (FROM USDEL JEC
PARIS VICE USDEL PARIS)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: VS, PINT

SUBJECT: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: POSSIBLE SLOW-DOWN IN TALKS
DURING AUGUST

1. GVN DELEGATION LIAISON OFFICER TRAN VAN DON INFORMED
U.S. DELEGATION STAFF OFFICER AUGUST 7 THAT QUAI D'ORSAY
RECENTLY APPROACHED BOTH GVN AND PRG DELEGATIONS TO REQUEST
ADVANCE INFORMATION OF THEIR PLANS FOR MEETINGS DURING
THE REMAINDER OF AUGUST FOLLOWING THE MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR AUGUST 8. FRENCH COMMENTED THAT TRADITIONAL AUGUST
VACATIONS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR FRENCH TO PROVIDE
PERSONNEL TO HOST MEETINGS DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. DON ADVISED US PRG DELEGATION WAS QUERIED BY GVN DELEGATION
AS TO ITS VIEWS. FOLLOW-UP AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS WITH DON
INDICATED THAT PRG HAD NOT YET RESPONDED TO GVN QUERY.

3. DON STATED THAT, IN ABSENCE OF A RESPONSE FROM PRG,
HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN DURING
COURSE OF TOMORROW'S MEETING ON SCHEDULING OF FUTURE
SESSIONS. HE DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUBJECT OF SLOW-
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DOWN IN DISCUSSIONS WAS ADVANCED BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH NOTICE,

ANY ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, AND GVN
DELEGATION WOULD AVOID BEING PLACED IN THE POSITION OF HAVING
TAKEN THE INITIATIVE FOR SUCH ACTION.
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